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FROM: O/A BERLIN

TO: DDI

SUBJ: HOBBS, Eugene J., HMC, USN, incident report of

At 1240 this date, HOBBS, who serves as a hospital corpsman in the USS STONE COUNTY (LST-1141) (San Diego-based) visited the Pearl Harbor Branch office to report information which he thought might be of interest to us, as follows:

HOBBS was stationed at the dispensary at Atsugi Japan NAS from 1956 to Dec 1957 or Jan 1958. According to a "Life" magazine story printed recently, Lee Harvey OSWALD, alleged assasin of our late President, was also stationed there at the same time. The magazine continued that OSWALD visited Russia in 1959. Atsugi is a "closed" base, and at the time, was the base for the Joint Technical Advisory Group, which maintained and flew recon U-2 flights. HOBBS noted that one year after OSWALD visited Russia, J.F. POWERS was captured.

HOBBS stated that it was gossip around the base that the U-2s were making recon flights over Russia. Sometime during 1957, a Naval Commander came into the dispensary and talked to some of the HMC's at the Master-at-Arms shack. HOBBS was there too. The Commander stated that he wanted an HMC to volunteer to join a group he was commanding which will be stationed in Bangkok and will make recon flights over China. One of the HMC's, name unknown, a short, blond headed Chief, uventually went with the unit to Bangkok and was there three months. The Commander stated that the flights would be the same as the ones the U-2s are making over Russia.

Since it was common knowledge around the base that the U-2s were being utilized for recon flights, HOBBS now believes that OSWALD could have given that information to Russia.

STONE COUNTY will be in this area for approximately two more months.

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